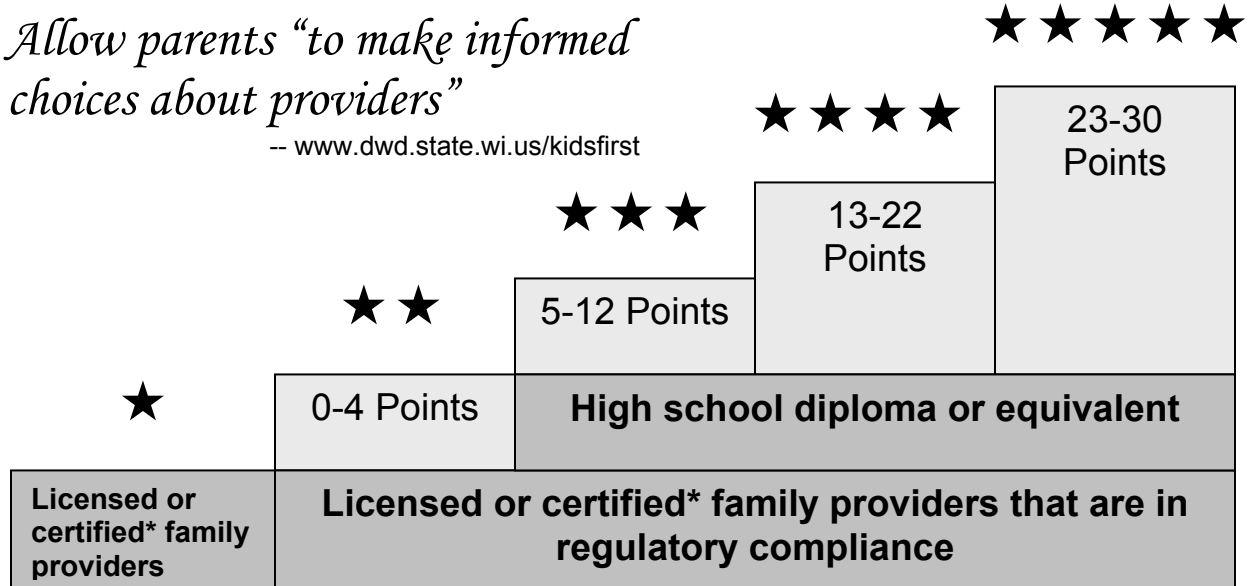


Quality Counts for Kids Task Force

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| 1 Star Rating: | The center is licensed or certified AND out of compliance with regulatory standards. |
| 2 Star Rating: | The center is licensed or certified, meets the standard for regulatory compliance, AND earns 0-4 quality indicator points. |
| 3 Star Rating: | The center is licensed or regularly certified, meets the standard for regulatory compliance, the provider has a high school diploma or equivalent, AND earns 5-12 quality indicator points. |
| 4 Star Rating: | The center is licensed or regularly certified, meets the standard for regulatory compliance, the provider has a high school diploma or equivalent, AND earns 13-22 quality indicator points. |
| 5 Star Rating: | The center is licensed or regularly certified, meets the standard for regulatory compliance, the provider has a high school diploma or equivalent, AND earns 23-30 quality indicator points. |

Allow parents “to make informed choices about providers”

-- www.dwd.state.wi.us/kidsfirst



* At the November 15, 2004 Task Force Meeting the issue of including Provisionally Certified Providers in the Quality Indicator Rating System was reviewed. It was determined that all regulated providers, including Provisionally Certified Providers will be included in the Quality Rating Scale and Tiered Reimbursement Structure.

Three Categories for Earning Points	
Category	Possible Points
Family Child Care Provider Qualifications	0 - 14
Learning Environment and Curriculum	0 - 10
Professional Practices	0 – 6
Total	0 - 30

Encourage providers “to go above and beyond the basic standards of quality”

-- Governor Jim Doyle

How to Earn Points in Family Child Care Programs

For providers that are in regulatory compliance and have a high school diploma or its equivalent, the total points determine the number of stars. To calculate the total points, add the points from each category. For the provider qualifications, use the points only from the highest qualification to which the provider attains. For all other cumulative categories, add all the points for which the program qualifies (note: no more than the maximum points can be earned in any category).

Family Child Care Provider Qualifications (Maximum of 14 points, non-cumulative)	Points
Child Development Associate(CDA) OR 6 credits related to early childhood education (ECE)	1
Infant-Toddler Credential	3
Administrator Credential	4
Related Associate Degree (ECE) OR Unrelated Bachelor's Degree (non-ECE)	7
CDA AND EITHER Related Associate Degree (ECE) OR Unrelated Bachelor's Degree (non-ECE)	8
Credential (Infant Toddler or Administrator) AND EITHER Related Associate Degree (ECE) OR Unrelated Bachelor's Degree (non-ECE)	10
Related Bachelor's Degree or higher (ECE)	13
Related Bachelor's Degree or higher (ECE) AND Credential (Infant Toddler or Administrator)	14

Learning Environment and Curriculum (Maximum of 10 points, cumulative)	Points
Well equipped learning environment	2
The program has written weekly lesson plans that include 15 minutes of reading/early literacy daily	2
The program uses a curriculum aligned with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards	2
Documented annual use of quality improvement assessment process, using environment rating scales, accreditation self-study, or other approved methods, with a written improvement plan	2
The preceding quality improvement assessment process administered by an outside, trained and reliable entity	1
Accreditation (National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC, City of Madison, Head Start Performance Standards)	10

Professional Practices (Maximum of 6 points, cumulative)	Points
Business Practices-Includes professional development opportunities, and a professional development plan, Child Care Food Program participation	2
Provider/Staff Benefits-Includes use of Model Work Standards, salary scale, provider and staff benefits, health care, paid vacation	2
Parental Involvement –Includes parent newsletters, parent/provider conferences	2